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The Hon'ble the Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman, being introduced to Mr. K. Ponnampalam, State Social Welfare Officer and a member of the Board of Managers. On the right is Mr. M. Saravanamuttu, Chairman of the Appeal Committee.

The Tunku laying the Foundation Stone of the New Buildings. The inscription on a slab of black marble is in Bahasa Malaysia and has a translation of the School's motto: "Kami berjalan dengan iman bukan dengan penglihatan."

Laying of the Foundation Stone

Puan Sharifah Rodziah receiving a set of Table Mats as a Souvenir made by one of the women at the St. Nicholas Occupation Centre. Presenting it is Dorothy Wong, an Old Nicolite who works as a stenographer at the Automobile Association of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur.

The Tunku signing the Visitor's Book during the reception. Looking on are the Principal, Mr. W.G. Brohier, the Hon'ble the Chief Minister, Dr. Lim Chong Eu, the President, Bishop Chiu Ban It, Puan Sharifah Rodziah and the Chairman, Archdeacon A.C.H. Peatfield.

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"...all our works, begun,

After being led into the Crafts Room of the new block of Special Classrooms by the Cross Bearer, Barnabas Lee, and the Archdeacon, Bishop Chiu said the following prayer: "Almighty God our heavenly Father who hast committed to us the care and nurture of Thy children prosper with Thy blessing all who will teach and all who will learn in this place;...."

continued, and ended in thee..."

In the New Dormitories for 24 boys and 24 girls the following prayer was said: "O Lord God, the Keeper of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, send, we beseech Thee, Thy holy Angels to guard those who shall rest in sleep within these walls. Protect them from all evil and temptation in the silent hours of the night,...."

After the Blessing of the New Buildings on 10.3.70 a Farewell Party was held for Bishop Chiu who has been associated with St. Nicholas from his youth. On behalf of the School David Lip, the Vice Captain, presented him with a plaque with the School Crest on it.

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More Farewells

On 31.3.70 Archdeacon Peatfield, Mrs. Peatfield and Rosemary were given a Farewell Party by Members of the Board, Staff and Children. Picture shows Mrs. Lim Khye Su, the Deputy Chairman, thanking Archdeacon Peatfield for his services as Chairman since July, 1964.

During the party Mr. & Mrs. Saravanamuttu readily entered into the spirit of the function by carrying out their forfeit very willingly to the delight of all present.

To Padre and Miss Eade

Miss Eade receiving a Bible from Moses Choo on behalf of the Christian children at her Farewell Party on 11.5.70. It was given in appreciation of her faithful service as Matron from April 1966.

Tenderly, Miss Eade bids farewell to Inungkiran and the other children who surround her at the Airport. We look forward to her return as After-Care Officer in mid November.

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St. Nicks goes to Sabah

During the Social Welfare Week last November St. Nicks and its pupils from Sabah played an important part in the Exhibition and Demonstrations to the public. Picture shows the large crowd at the stalls under the Sabah Society for the Blind.

Benjamin Ampulardon, who joined St. Nicholas in 1953, demonstrating his skill at the Switchboard to the amazed group around him. He has been employed by the Sabah Port Authority and is the first blind Telephonist in the State.

Social Welfare Week

During their stay in Sabah the Principal and the Senior Teacher, Miss C. Cheong, took the opportunity to visit a number of the children's homes. On the left is little Ainie (extreme right) and her family. It took several hours in a Land Rover and an hour's trek through hazardous jungle paths to get to her! Catherine (left, carrying her baby sister) was easier to reach across muddy padi fields. Some of the children are 2 or 3 days' journey away on foot into the interior.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It has been a tradition for the Chairman to make some comment on the current scene, thus providing the Friends and Supporters of our School & Home with more recent information on the many facets of work at St. Nicholas. I begin this Report, therefore, with a tribute to the Ven A.C.H. Peatfield, Archdeacon of North Malaya and Chairman of St. Nicholas from July 1964, who left Malaysia on 14th April this year. Those of us who had the opportunity to work with Archdeacon Peatfield know how closely he identified himself with the progress of St. Nicholas. We miss him, Mrs. Peatfield and their family, but as with many other friends whom we gratefully remember at this time, we know that this remembrance is reciprocal and that St. Nicholas continues to be dear to their hearts as they are to us.

This A.G.M. is the first under the new Anglican Diocese of West Malaysia which came into force on 7th April 1970. Our previous President, Bishop Chiu Ban It, a son of Penang, has known St. Nicholas since his childhood, and we have been most grateful for his abiding interest and help. We welcome the Rt. Rev. Tan Sri Roland Koh as our new Bishop and President. Bishop Koh is no stranger to us, as during his period of service in the old Diocese as Suffragan Bishop, he displayed his keen interest in St. Nicholas in many ways.

Finance: Our progress, both financial and actual, is recorded elsewhere in some detail, but I wish to thank our thousands of Supporters and Friends whose contributions may not appear separately but without whose help our continued existence and development would have been impossible. Our financial position at the end of 1969 looks very healthy, but it is a fact that the welcome excess of income over expenditure actually represents only 6 weeks of running St. Nicholas. However, in faith the Board has decided to transfer some of the surplus to the Endowment Fund which is badly in need of a boost. Our reserves are still very small, and I would urge all well-wishers of St. Nicholas to consider carefully if they can offer help to build up this Fund which would ensure a steady income from investments. In this connection, I am glad to report that a bequest of $1,000/- was received recently for the Fund in memory of Mrs. Mary Simpson.

In thanking our innumerable Supporters we must not forget to gratefully acknowledge the very substantial grants from the Ministries of Education and Welfare Services as well as the State Governments, the total of which covers 2/3 of our running costs.

I would like to place on record too our very grateful thanks to Mr. F. Weatherly and Mr. Sim Boon Suat of Kennedy, Burkill & Co. Sdn. Bhd., our Hon. Treasurers, and to Messrs. Turquand, Youngs & Co., our Hon. Auditors, for their professional services so willingly given.

The Development Plan: Mr. M. Saravanamuttu and his team of helpers, to whom we are greatly indebted, have had the great satisfaction early this year in seeing their target of $200,000/- reached. With the new buildings rising on all sides our mood must be one of thanks and rejoicing. Inevitably, as we are a living, growing organism, we find we shall need more! More funds to fully equip our new special classrooms and the extension of our facilities and more money for future projects which are already being thought about. Fortunately, our Appeal Committee cast their nets widely and wisely, and we have hopes that several projects from which we have received some funds will continue to be a source of income in the future. We are honoured too that St. Nicholas has been approved by U.N.E.S.C.O. as a Project for their Gift Coupon Scheme. A full report of the Appeal Fund and a list of notable gifts can be found elsewhere. It is my great pleasure and privilege to acknowledge with deep gratitude these sums and the hundreds of other smaller but equally appreciated and important donations.

We offer our sincere thanks to the Government of Malaysia for their expression of confidence in St. Nicholas by supporting our expansion scheme on a $-for-$ basis. Those who attended the Laying of the Foundation Stone of our New Buildings on December 29th 1969 will recall with what obvious pleasure and informality our beloved Bapa Malaysia, Y.T.M. Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra, performed the ceremony and greeted the children and guests.

The laying of the Foundation Stone was followed by the blessing of the new dormitories and special classrooms by Bishop Chiu on March 10th this year, since when our ears have reverberated with the noisy demolition of our "Main House" — home of the St. Nicholas family since 1938 — and with the almost equally noisy operations of re-building. We hopefully look forward to the completion of Phase III in about a year's time, when we hope you will all be able to celebrate with us the official opening of the "new" St. Nicholas. Without your help, and continued support and prayers, we could not have made this venture of faith.

Youth Centre and Chapel: We are very happy that this building continues to be used as a common meeting ground for Christian worship and recreation and that one of these groups is the R.A.A.F. Congregation, whose Sunday School has been able to absorb ours.

Integrated Programme: I spoke at the beginning of this study about the many facets of the activities of St. Nicholas. We continue to house 14 students for whom the Ministry of Education is providing Secondary education in classes integrated with pupils of sighted schools. We have been naturally delighted by the success of so many of our old students in competitive examinations and, in this connection, would offer especial congratulations and good wishes to Martha Ho for being the first blind girl to obtain a full H.S.C. and to be admitted to the Faculty of Arts, University of Malaya. We also record with gratitude the scholarship, covering 2/3 of her expenses, from the Malayan Association for the Blind. The balance is being met by St. Nicholas.

Other Old Nicolites who have achieved academic success include Nicholas Lam and Nik Yusoff who passed the S.C. with a Grade I. The case of Joseph Soon merits special mention. This boy was a "late developer" and had already lost the opportunity for study in the Integrated Programme when he made special application for help to St. Nicholas in 1967. Generously offered a place in St. Mark's Private School, and assisted by a St. Nicholas Supporter, Joseph — studying with no Resource Teacher and living at home in Butterworth — passed the L.C.E. examination with Grade I. As he is already 20 years old, he has not been allowed to join the Integrated programme, at Form IV level, despite his good results, and must struggle on by himself for the M.C.E. next year. Ten others sat for the L.C.E. and passed.

Edward Cheah is another Old Nicolite who passed the S.C. in 1967 with a Grade I. The R.N.I.B. have kindly agreed to find a place for Edward at their School of Physiotherapy in England and the British Ministry of Overseas Development have very generously agreed to provide a scholarship for him if the Government of Malaysia will sponsor him. The scholarship would provide his travelling expenses, tuition fees and a subsistence allowance. Therefore, Government support is eagerly awaited.

The successes achieved by these students and their plans for the future underline the need which is even now being felt for greater job opportunities for the blind. It would seem to us that this matter must be tackled with careful investigation and planning on a National basis. We are confident that such action would pay dividends and we will help in any way we can to ensure its success.

After-Care: St. Nicholas has come more and more to realise that work for the blind is fully accomplished only when each blind person passing through our hands

has been helped to become a fully-developed personality, earning an honest living and participating in the community as far as possible on a par with the sighted. Those for whom this is an impossible goal, because of emotional, mental or other physical handicaps, must at least be found a niche in which they can pursue some useful occupation and be provided with recreational facilities and opportunities for social contact and companionship.

Miss Betty Eade has made a valiant part-time attempt at After-Care work for the last 5½ years, but as she was also faced with the full-time job of Matron of the School from April 1966, she just could not make time for the close contact required. Miss Eade is now on a very well-earned "leave" — though still working for St. Nicholas as she gives talks to groups of interested friends — and will return in November to full-time service as After-Care Officer. This type of work lacks glamour, as it will be to a large extent concerned with the problems of every-day living of the less capable Old Nicolites — visiting them, advising on health or emotional problems, seeking job opportunities and rejoicing in each effort made by them to tackle life in the community. We hope Miss Eade will also be able to seek out children who could be helped by admission to St. Nicholas and to persuade parents to let them have this opportunity, as we have several times been faced with the knowledge that blind persons looking to us for help have done so too late in life for the maximum benefit to be obtained. In thanking Miss Eade for what she has done for St. Nicholas in the past we look forward to receiving her, rested and refreshed, for this vital contribution to Blind Welfare.

Occupation Centre: As friends of St. Nicholas are aware, we have since June 1964 provided a home and training in simple crafts for a small group of young blind women who are orphans and also unable to hold a job in any competitive employment. Others with similar handicaps have come to us after being evaluated as "unemployable". Still others have needed a home and occupation whilst enduring the long wait for a job which is the lot of even highly-skilled blind workers. Therefore, it became necessary to define our efforts in two channels — if we were not to become merely a Home for the Aged — by catering for our small group of orphans and those women whose families could well re-admit them.

We are much indebted to V.S.O. for the services of Miss Thomson and R.C.S.B. for the grant of a scholarship to Miss Jeshurun, who took over from Miss Thomson last August. In welcoming Miss Jeshurun officially to her first Annual General Meeting and thanking her for her work, we pay tribute to Miss Pillai. "Ah Yee", and other Staff members, and to the many volunteers.

These "unemployable" women continue to progress in a surprising number of ways, and turn out a variety of saleable articles. After each six-months' course, the trainees receive Certificates which set out their achievements. Work amongst this group is of course closely linked with our responsibility for After-Care, and also with our contact with the Department of Social Welfare from whose officials, especially the Penang State Social Welfare Officer, Mr. K. Ponnampalam, and his staff, we have received a great deal of help and much encouragement.

We are conscious that there must be many more blind women who would benefit from similar opportunities, and that there is as yet nowhere in Malaysia a comparable scheme for men. In continuation of my remarks above concerning the need for greater efforts to ensure that blind children are brought into contact with opportunities for education at the earliest possible time, I would mention that recently, as the result of enquiries made by a member of the public, we were made aware of a young blind man, a resident of Penang since birth, who at the age of 21 had received no formal schooling. Brought into the Occupation Centre as a "day trainee", he showed suitability for this type of training and has been admitted into the present session — of course as a non-resident!

Other Organisations: Last year St. Nicholas became an Associate Member of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind and was represented at its 4th General Assembly by the Principal whose travelling expenses were very generously met by the Lee Foundation. Several important resolutions were adopted at the conference and we are seeking ways of implementing as many of them as possible in consultation and co-operation with the M.A.B. and Government. Therefore, we welcome the move to form the National Council for the Blind. We are grateful to the M.A.B. for agreeing that St. Nicholas should always be one of the three representatives for West Malaysia.

Our increasing good relationship with the M.A.B. has continued and we have also maintained cordial relations with A.F.O.B. and R.C.S.B. We were particularly honoured that Mr. J. Wilson, R.C.S.B. Director, was present at our Speech Day last November and that Mr. R.A. Babonau, its S.E. Asia Representative, was with us at our Prefects' Installation in January this year. The Malaysian Guild of Educators of the Blind is making slow but steady progress and its publication, Quarterly Contact, is strongly recommended to all those who are interested in blindness and the blind.

Personal: The members of the Board have continued to play an important role and in paying a tribute to them for their keen interest and wise counsel, we remember especially Dr. Wong Poh Lam, Mr. S. Thillaimuthu and Mr. M.J.S. Figg who have left us, and welcome their replacements — Mr. J. Louis, Mr. A.H. Disdel and Mrs. R. Thillaimuthu. We also extend our congratulations to Tuan Haji C.C. Ismail who was conferred with the title of "Dato" by His Excellency the Governor of Penang last December.

As mentioned earlier in my Report, Miss Eade has relinquished her appointment as Matron and we have welcomed Mrs. Saigal in her place. Mrs. Saigal has come to us from the National Family Planning Board and has already made a good start at the variety of "odd jobs" which being Matron of St. Nicholas seems to entail. We are happy to have her with us in the St. Nicholas family. Mrs. Saigal is helped in her task, as indeed are all our staff, by the host of Voluntary Helpers who give freely of their time and talents in so many ways, and who help to bridge the gap between the Home with a capital "H" and their homes by taking our children into their families at weekends and in the holidays.

This help from volunteers, and the devotion of our professional staff, teaching, domestic and administrative, under the leadership of Mr. W.G. Brohier, is perhaps one of the chief reasons why St. Nicholas is such a happy place. We are most fortunate in having so many helpers, dedicated and competent, for whom no problem is too great, no need of an individual child too small, no hour of the day or night too early or too late to be used for the work at St. Nicholas in all its varied aspects. I would like to place on record, on behalf of the Board, our very great appreciation of this selfless service.

Conclusion: This Report reveals some of the many ways in which the blind have been and continue to be helped by St. Nicholas. We go forward into the future with confidence in all our Friends, both near and far, who, we know, will continue to make possible such a record of service.

Lim Khye Su (Mrs.)
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Mr. John Wilson at St. Nicks

It was a great honour for all at St. Nicks that Mr. Wilson, Director of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, was able to be present at the 4th Speech Day on 10.11.69. He gave a most interesting and inspiring address.

During the ceremony Mr. Wilson kindly presented the prizes. Picture shows him congratulating Chan Sau Yin of Std. III for topping the class and winning 6 subject prizes.

The Installation of Prefects

On 20.1.70 R.C.S.B. was again represented, this time by Mr. R.A. Babonau, its South East Asia Representative. Picture shows Mr. Babonau pinning the badge of office on Habsah bte Saad.

After their candles have been lit by the newly appointed Prefects, the children say: "We accept these Prefects as our chosen leaders. We trust them to set us a good example and we promise that we shall respect and obey them."

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The Swimming Gala - 1970

Well ahead of the other swimmers, Siti Esah was an easy winner in the Kicking with Boards event for Class II Girls.

(By Courtesy of The Straits Times)

David Lip of South Vietnam performing one of his four dives. He was placed 3rd.

Fun in the Sun

The little ones were not left out of the fun. Here we see Yayah, Siew Gaik, Somiin, Norhashimah and Maraban thoroughly enjoying their race in the paddling pool.

As a farewell gesture, Mrs. Paddy Peatfield, wife of the Chairman, very kindly consented to give away the prizes. Receiving one of the many prizes she won is Catherine Ringgingon of Sabah.

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SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL'S REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL

(Presented at the 4th Speech Day on 10th November, 1969)

Welcome: Mr. J. Wilson, Director, Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind, was very warmly welcomed and heartily thanked for having included St. Nicholas in his itinerary. Sincere appreciation was expressed for the debt of gratitude St. Nicholas owed Mr. Wilson and R.C.S.B. and reference was made to the Society's new Sponsorship Scheme which had already connected 29 children with Friends in U.K. who were contributing £20 per annum each towards the children's maintenance. A cordial welcome was also extended to all the other guests present.

Staff: There had been very few changes. Miss Ida Samuel, a D.T.C. teacher, Miss Goh Hong Leng, a temporary untrained teacher, and Miss Lim Siew Hua, a House Assistant, were welcomed to the staff during the year.

Children: The year began with 67 children; there were 15 admissions, including 1 deaf-blind girl from Sabah, bringing the total to 82: 78 in the Primary School and 4 in the K.G. There were 36 girls and 46 boys : 40 Malays, 20 Chinese, 14 Sabahans, 7 Indians and 1 South Vietnamese. Apart from the Sabahans and the Vietnamese boy, 15 were from Kedah, 1 from Pahang, 13 from Penang, 32 from Perak and 6 from Perlis.

At the beginning of the year 3 pupils from the Kuala Lumpur area were transferred to the Ministry of Education's Primary Integrated Programme. This natural expansion of the programme for those who could benefit from it was welcomed but it was stressed that as the Integrated and Residential programmes were complementary the individual needs of each child should be given top priority because not all blind children were automatically suitable for integration from the start.

12 children were leaving: 8 to Form I in regular Secondary Schools in Alor Star, Ipoh and Penang and 4 to their homes — 3 to await admission to the Gurney Evaluation and Adjustment Training Centre, Kuala Lumpur, and 1 who, unfortunately, was severely mentally retarded and would have to remain at home.

The Examinations Syndicate and the Ministry of Education were thanked for having made the necessary provisions for the children to sit for the Std. V Assessment Examination, the results of which were not as yet known. Once again, in the Ministry's Standardised Tests for all Std. VI pupils, the School's top pupil, Beh Sai Kim, scored the following Percentile Ranks: Bahasa Malaysia 96, English 91, Social Science 93, Science 80 and Mathematics 62 and the overall results showed a normal spread. To overcome the general weakness in Mathematics some additional apparatus had been purchased during the year and the children were already showing signs of a greater understanding of number bonds and mathematical concepts.

Reference was made to the new Report Book which would contain a comprehensive record of the children's progress each year, both in and out of school. A page containing an annual assessment of 39 essential 'Skills of Daily Living' had been included.

The fear was expressed that there would be a slight but temporary drop in the children's standard in view of the greater emphasis on Bahasa Malaysia in English medium Primary Schools from 1970 because there were no books available for the lower primary in the newly adopted Contracted Malay Braille Code and there was no introductory Reading Scheme, based on the ease of tactual recognition of the braille symbols. The teachers would be working on a scheme during the holidays.

Health: The need for a proper Sick Bay was emphasised during the recent outbreak of chicken pox when 15 children and 1 teacher were infected. On the whole, the health of the children was very good and sincere thanks were extended to the host of Medical Specialists, Doctors, Nurses, Dental Personnel, etc. for their cheerful and devoted services. Special mention was made of Dr. Wong Poh Lam, the Ophthalmologist, who had left in June with his family for Australia. A tribute was also paid to Miss Eade and the House Assistants for the important part they play in the total development of the children.

Religion: Thanks were given for the beautiful Chapel with its lighted cross built into the wall above the altar. On 10th May Timothy Mok, James Lim and John Lee were baptised in the new Chapel and confirmed the following day by Bishop Chiu Ban It at St. George's Church during its 150th Anniversary Service. Reference was made to other Christian activities and the Roman Catholic children who had attended instruction classes and the Cathedral of the Assumption regularly. The Muslim children too had continued to receive Islamic instruction from their Religious Teacher and to attend Friday Mosque weekly. They too were looking forward to their Prayer Rooms in Phase III of the Development Plan.

Mention was made of how quickly the Christian children had been happily integrated into the R.A.A.F. Sunday School which had started using the Chapel. It was stressed that the blind did not see any differences in others and the hope was expressed that all Malaysians could be blind to racial and social prejudices and differences so that all could think and work as one — Malaysians for Malaysia.

Activities: Special mention was made of the following main events of another full year:

(1) The 6th Installation of Prefects on 31st January at which the Chief Police Officer, Dato Albert Mah, was Guest of Honour.

(2) The 1st Annual Swimming Gala on 25th March at which Mrs. Dorothy Sim, whose connections with St. Nicholas went back many years, not only kindly consented to give away the prizes but also willingly officiated in half a dozen different ways!

(3) The Annual Sports Meet on 18th July at which the Hon'ble the Chief Minister, Dr. Lim Chong Eu, was present. Mrs. Lim graciously gave away the prizes.

(4) The Mock Elections on 25th October.

(5) The Annual Concert on 30th October and 1st November.

(6) The Christian Children's Fund's International Art Competition — 'Christmas in My Country' — in which Wong Kwee Heong had tied for 2nd Place and Gunabalan had received Honourable Mention. Kwee Heong's prize was a Trust Scholarship of US$300.

(7) The Camp for Extension Guides in Victoria, Australia in January 1970 which Jamalia bte Sidi, the School Captain, would be attending as their guest through their generosity.

Equipment: The following items were acknowledged with deep gratitude:

(1) A Perkins Brailler from the crew of U.S.S. Shelton.

(2) 3 Braille Watches from the Zale Corporation of Dallas, Texas, as prizes for selected achievements of the children in and out of school.

(3) 900 Plastic Book Binders from the General Binding Corporation of Northbrook, Illinois.

Gifts in Kind: The donors of various gifts in kind and cash towards the children's pocket money were also gratefully thanked. So were the many

Social Service Clubs, Schools, Organisations and Individuals who had given parties for the children or had invited them out.

Visitors: Among the long list of visitors mentioned the following distinguished people were named: Tan Sri Fatimah bte Haji Hashim, Minister of Welfare Services; Mr. R.A. Babonau, Far East Regional Director, R.C.S.B.; Rev. N.E. Turner, South East Asia Field Supervisor, C.C.F.; Rev. E. Sweetman, Principal Air Chaplain, R.A.A.F.; Rev. J. Carden, Asia Secretary, C.M.S.; and Rev. G. Braund, Overseas General Secretary, U.S.P.G.

Appreciation: The very many Friends and Supporters, both in Malaysia and Overseas, were heartily thanked for their continued interest in the work and their increased financial support which had enabled St. Nicholas to fulfil some of its hopes and aspirations in its service to the blind. The large number of Voluntary Helpers were also thanked for giving so much of their time so willingly. It was stressed that St. Nicholas was greatly indebted to all who had given of their time, their talents and their money.

The Lee Foundation of Kuala Lumpur was particularly thanked for having made it possible for the Principal to attend the important 4th General Assembly of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind at New Delhi. Mr. G.S. Reutens, Principal of Hutchings School, was also thanked for having designed the impressive and dignified School Crest.

An expression of appreciation was extended to the Board for their guidance, encouragement and support and to the staff for their continued co-operation and loyalty in spite of the extra demands made on their time and patience. Miss Cheong was particularly thanked for having coped so well during the Principal's absence. It was pointed out that grand buildings and magnificent facilities alone did not make a good school. A dedicated, enthusiastic staff and an active, curious batch of children, eager in their search for knowledge and determined to make the fullest use of the opportunities which they were fortunate to be given, were essential elements. The fervent hope was expressed that both staff and children would be fired by a renewed enthusiasm as St. Nicholas moved into the unknown Seventies.

Conclusion: It was stressed that St. Nicholas, which had pioneered blind welfare work in 1926, had continued to play a leading role in the extension of these services and was constantly seeking ways of being of greater service. Therefore provision had been made in the Development Plan for the setting up of a Talking Book Library which would be of tremendous value especially to blind secondary and university students as well as the adult blind. It was hoped that the Ministeries and State Organisations concerned with the education and welfare of the blind both in Malaysia and Singapore would co-operate in the organisation of the service for the whole region.

It was also pointed out that with the completion of the Development Plan St. Nicholas would have not only added facilities for the Primary children but also adequate provision for the introduction of Comprehensive Secondary education if and when the need arose. It was hoped that those interested in and responsible for the education of the blind in Malaysia would note this and utilize the facilities already available, if needed, and not duplicate them.

Finally, it was stated that as Man prepared to make his second historic landing on the Moon, St. Nicholas was poised and ready to face the challenges and opportunities of the next decade, faithfully dependent on the continued wholehearted support of its countless generous Friends and confident as the words of the Prophet Isaiah ring loud and clear: "and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it".

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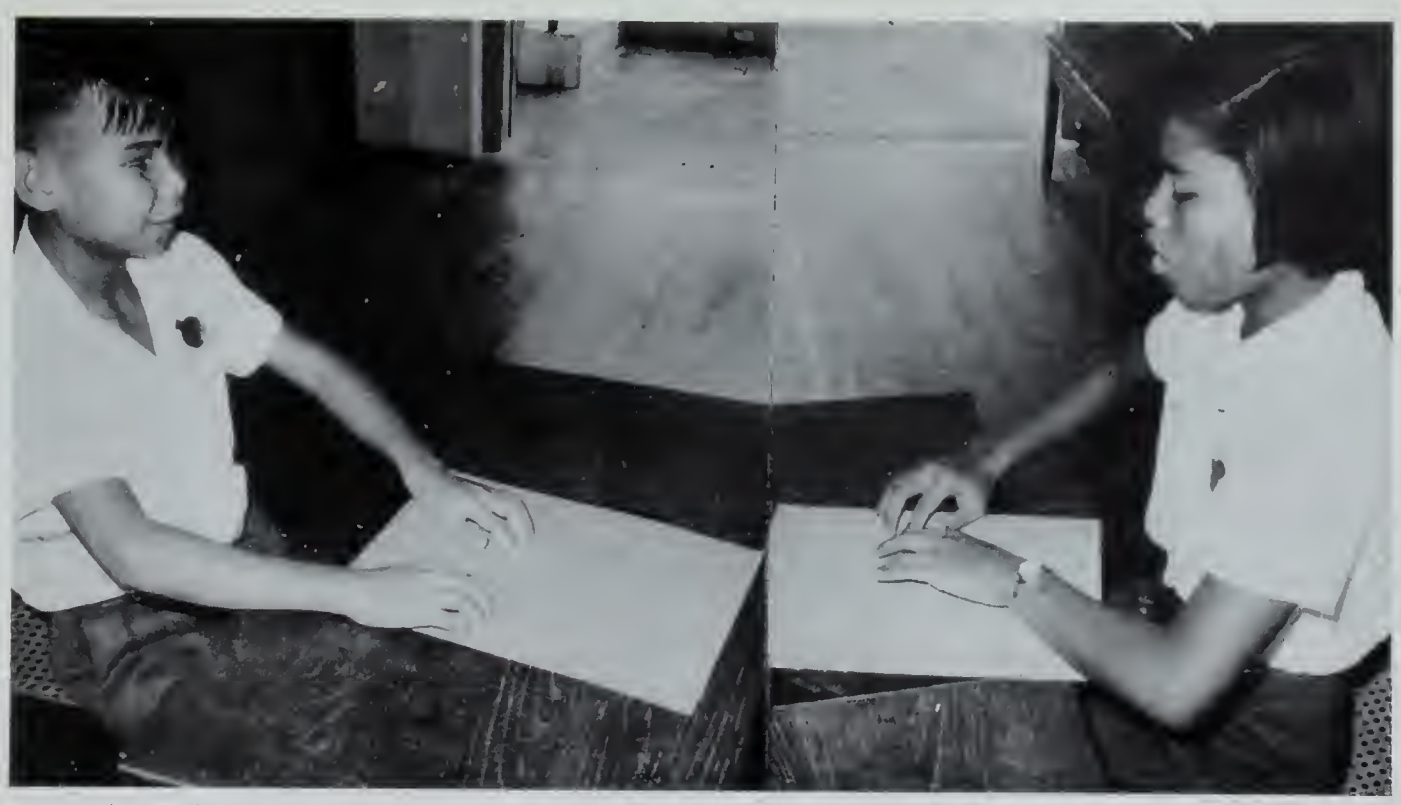

At this year's Annual Reading Competition Timothy Mok of Kedah and Jamaliah bte Sidi of Perak, both of Std. VI, tied for 1st place. Mrs. Anne Hunter, wife of the British Council Director in Penang, very kindly gave away the prizes.

Jamaliah "Down Under"

Through the great generosity of the Victoria Girl Guides Association who sponsored her trip, Jamaliah bte Sidi, the School Captain, was the very lucky Guide who qualified to attend Camp Endeavour for Extension Guides at Yarra Junction, Melbourne, Australia, from 6th to 15th January this year. Jam was overwhelmed by the hospitality and kindness of the many friends she made there and hopes to return one day :

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Fun On Stage Too !

As usual, the K.G. and Std. I delighted the capacity crowd with "Pinky Pig goes to School "

Though not as polished as the "Junior Jets", the "Mini Band", with home-made drums, was a hit.

Still in lighter vein, Std. V presented "The Broken Coin" — a sketch about a so-called "blind" beggar.

Comedy - Music - Drama

Switching the mood completely, Std. VI evoked the Prophets of ancient China in the play, "The Golden Doom."

To bring the evening's entertainment to a close the Sunday School children gratefully presented a Nativity Tableau built up on the theme, "God Cares."

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On The Field

Straining every muscle — and his ears — Mohd. Yusoff makes a determined effort to beat Gunabalan in the 50 yds. Bicycle Race.

Rosiah, on the other hand, enjoys a comfortable win in the Sack Race against Mariama and Shout Hwa.

Obviously enjoying themselves — and amusing the spectators! — Pulis, Ainie and Somiin, all of Sabah, quack and waddle their way to the finishing line in the Duck Walk.

The Annual Sports - 1969

As usual, the boys gave an interesting display of Gymnastics during the Meet. Above is one of the many pyramids which brought the display to an end.

The Hon'ble the Chief Minister, Dr. Lim Chong Eu, very kindly addressed the gathering and Mrs. Lim graciously gave away the prizes.

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The Old And The New

Happy Home of the St. Nicholas Family since 1938, the old Main House stands bare and lonely, just prior to being demolished on 21st March this year to make way for Phase II of the Development Plan marked "A" in the aerial view opposite ▶

Time Marches On

A general view of Phase I showing the block of Special Classrooms (left) and the new Dormitories for 24 boys and 24 girls (right).

Barnabas and the manual staff, Ishak, Muthu, Majid and Saad, help to move furniture into the new Boys' Dormitory.

A Bird's - eye View

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1. Occupation Centre for Blind Women 2. Principal's House 3. Staff House 4. Youth Centre and Chapel 5. Kindergarten/Std. I B Classroom 6. K.G./I B Dormitory 7. Girls' Cottage 8. Laundries and Sewing Room 9. Sports Field 10. Boys' Cottage 11. Hall and Library 12. Store and Old Chapel 13. Work Rooms (being used as temporary Offices and Staff Room) 14. Dining Room 15. Classrooms 16. Servants' Quarters 17. Skating Track.

A. The new Main House rising over the site of the old building (Phase II). It will comprise Offices, Dining Rooms and Kitchens, a Sick Bay and Staff accommodation. B. New Dormitories for Boys and Girls and C. Special Classrooms for Crafts, Industrial Arts, Typing, Home Science, Science and Geography (Phase I). D. Extension of Hall and Library, Recreation Room, Muslim Prayer Room, Talking Book Library, Braille Publishing Unit and Music Rooms (Phase III).

Under Moonlit Eastern Skies

The four cute "little tea-pots, short and stout" showing off their handles and their spouts, are Den Sem, Noraini, Che Su and Lotia.

By the heat of a glorious, raging fire, Jamaliah, Sai Kim and Alison present their sketch, "Yes; No; All Right!"

The Annual Campfire

A hilarious sketch, "Empat Sa-Kawan" (Four Friends), was presented by Yahya, Pandian, Kow Chye and Daniel (not in picture).

To bring the enjoyable evening to a close Mr. C.K. Kwok, the Scout Master, led children, staff and friends in the "leggy" Millipede Dance.

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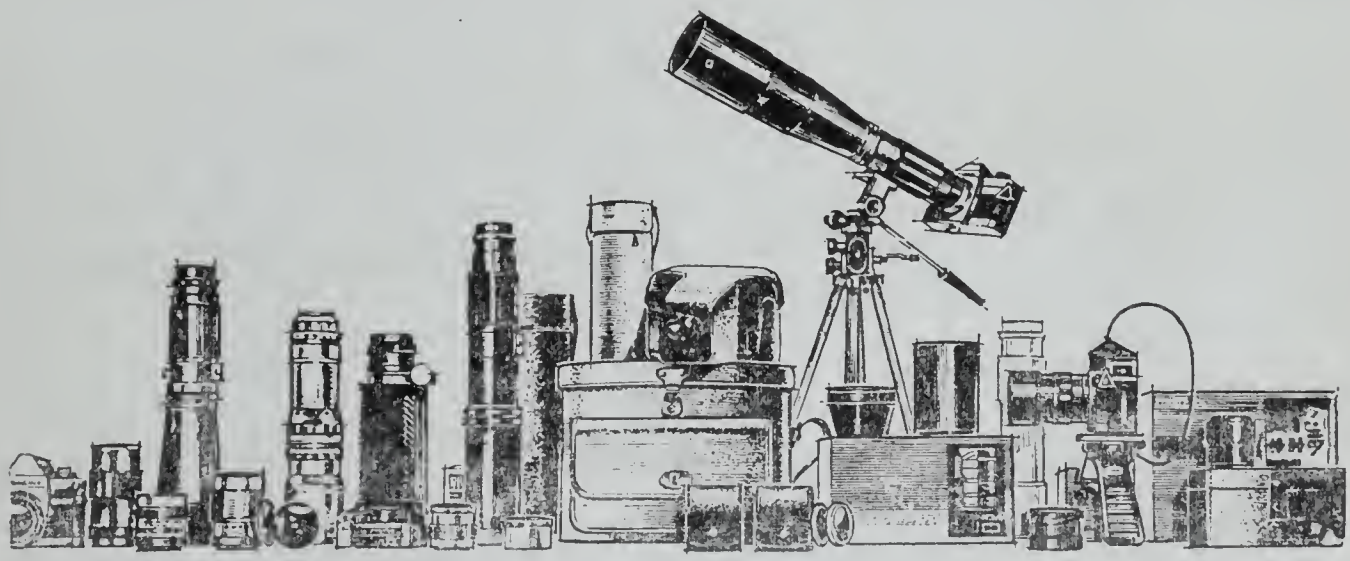

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The "Fearless"

A red-letter day for the children was the exciting visit to H.M.S. Fearless. On board to meet them was Lt. P.C. Webber whose daughter belongs to the Brownie Pack which sponsors Alwi through the R.C.S.B. scheme. Picture shows the children and staff boarding the ship from the landing craft.

The outing was most enjoyable and informative. Also on board to show the children around in small groups was the ship's Chaplain and a number of other members of the crew. Picture shows Mohd. Yasin with the Chaplain examining the huge chain which holds the anchor.

Lions at St. Nicks

At the end of the District 308 Lions Convention on 26.4.70 delegates and their wives visited St. Nicholas. Picture shows the children demonstrating their skill at handicrafts.

During the tour of the school when the Lions "devoured" over $100/= worth of goods made by the Occupation Centre girls, they also saw the Guides in action.

"Who Will Buy...?"

Although food is not cooked and sold at the Occupation Centre, the girls are taught to prepare their own meals, as Aini is seen doing.

The articles made at the O.C. are attractive and moderately priced. The girls are paid on a piece-rate basis and are therefore greatly encouraged if sales are good. Janakee and Salmiah are seen making raffia table mats.

Social Rehabilitation at the O. C.

As good Orientation and Mobility are essential for a blind person, the girls are taught the use of the white cane early on in the Social Rehabilitation Training Course at the Centre.

Once the girls have mastered the technique and have gained sufficient confidence in their ability to cope, they move on to meal planning and marketing for the foodstuffs and ingredients which they require.

REPORT BY THE SUPERVISOR OF THE OCCUPATION CENTRE

There have been a few changes at the Occupation Centre during the past year.

Staff: Miss A. V. Jeshurun returned from England in August after undergoing a Training Course in Blind Welfare on an R.C.S.B. Scholarship. We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to them for the very helpful and interesting Course that was arranged and for the Scholarship. Miss Marilyn M. Thomson left for U.K. in September after having very successfully managed the Centre for the past 1¼ years. We would like to thank V.S.O. for having made her services available to us and to extend our warm gratitude to her for all that she has done, including the setting up of the Social Rehabilitation Training Course. It is a stepping stone in the programme for the rehabilitation of blind women in our country, and one that they find fulfilling. We are also very happy to announce the appointment of Miss V. Pillay as a Temporary Teaching Assistant from October last year. We would like to thank her for all the work she rendered as a regular voluntary helper prior to her appointment.

Training Course: It is very heartening to announce that the 3rd Course with five trainees has just ended and that there was a waiting list for the 4th Course which began early in July. In time we hope to streamline the intake to suit the different catagories of women who apply for the Course, that is, those who have had Secondary education from those who have had less. By making the syllabus flexible, it has been possible to ensure that all the trainees have been able to benefit fully. Swimming lessons have been introduced as part of the Course to stimulate outside interest and also as a form of exercise. We hope that all trainees will have the opportunity to make use of all that they have learnt here.

Personal: Last July we had the pleasant surprise that Joanna Pakrisamy, an orphan, was not returning to the Centre after the June holidays, as she was marrying a blind Telephone Operator in August. We wish them both all happiness. Three ex-trainees from our First Course returned to St. Nicholas for the re-union last December. It was a great pleasure meeting them again and seeing how well they looked. From the Second Course, Jamaliah bte Mohamed Ali, Maimunah bte Salleh and Ku Rafeah bte Ku Abdullah are undergoing training at present as stenographers at the Gurney Evaluation and Adjustment Training Centre, Kuala Lumpur. Razimah bte Mat Yasin has been admitted to Form IV and is studying at the Taiping Convent.

Sales: For the past few months our sales have not been steady at all and we greatly look forward to more public support. A number of people have been approached to hold coffee mornings and we hope this will help boost our sales. The trainees are greatly encouraged by the sales, as this makes them want to work harder, especially at articles that are popular since they are paid at piece rates.

Appreciation: We are grateful to the Ministry of Welfare Services for their grant of $2,000/-. We would also like to thank British Petroleum Malaysia Sdn. Bhd. for their very generous gift of two Perkins Braillers and two Typewriters. Finally, we thank the members of the Occupation Centre Sub-Committee, Messrs. Rajendram & Co., (Our Honorary Auditors), Mrs. Salmon, Mrs. Moy, the Young Adults Club and other voluntary helpers who devote so much of their valuable time to the work of the Centre.

We are open from 8-30 a.m. till 1-00 p.m. and from 2-30 p.m. till 4-30 p.m. on week days and from 8-30 a.m. to 1-00 p.m. on Saturdays. All visitors are very welcome.

Annie V. Jeshurun
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TRADING AND PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1969.

1968			
	Opening Stock on 1.1.69:		
$ 216	Goods ..	$ 283	
358	Articles ..	431	
$ 574			$ 714
2,077	Purchase of Materials	..	1,510
3,046	Gross Profit ..	..	2,329
$ 5,697			$ 4,553
$ 2,250	Allowances to Workers ..	..	$ 1,791
97	Ferry, Refreshments and Transport	..	213
41	Telephone and Postages ..	..	37
23	Sundries ..	..	29
—	Bank Charges ..	..	6
—	Printing and Stationery ..	..	16
753	Net Profit for year ..	..	293
$ 3,164			$ 2,385

1968				
$ 4,983	Sales	..	..	$ 3,433
	Stocks as at 31.12.69			
283	Goods ..	$ 317		
431	Articles ..	803		1,120
$ 5,697				$ 4,553
$ 3,046	Gross Profit	..	..	$ 2,329
118	Donations	..	..	56
$ 3,164				$ 2,385

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1969.

	Accumulated Fund	
$ 1,310	At 31st December, 1968	$ 2,063
753	*Add:* Profit for year	293
$ 2,063		$ 2,356

$ 714	Stocks at Cost	..	..	$ 1,120
182	Cash in Hand ..	$ 156		
1,167	Cash at Bank ..	1,080		1,236
$ 2,063				$ 2,356

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We have audited the above accounts of St. Nicholas Occupation Centre after having obtained all the information and explanations as required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Occupation Centre as shown in their books and also the vouchers examined by us.

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THE AFTER-CARE OFFICER'S REPORT

The major part of the After-Care Officer's work as such has been carried on through correspondence this year, although one or two trips to Kuala Lumpur and Ipoh have been made and whenever the Principal has been to Kuala Lumpur for a meeting his "spare" time has been spent in contacting as many Old Nicolites as he can. Bi-monthly Newsletters have been sent out fairly regularly and many letters have been received in return. It is still difficult to keep up fully with the whereabouts of our old students for many have moved their homes and many their places of work, but this is quite a good sign that they are pretty active and interested in what is going on around them.

The usual Reunion was held at Christmas time and I think that everyone had a very busy and enjoyable time together catching up with each other's news and the younger ones comparing notes about Secondary School work.

All at St. Nicholas were greatly concerned about our Old Nicolites in Kuala Lumpur and Petaling Jaya during the disturbances in May, 1969 but we were relieved to hear from the Acting Executive Director of M.A.B. that all was well.

A number of Old Nicolites were assessed at the G.E.A.T.C. and information received from the Principal showed us that 4 had been assessed for Telephony, 3 for Stenography, 7 for Light Engineering and 1 for Canework. Two were untrainable.

We still do not have a satisfactory method of keeping track of the movements of Old Nicolites but it is hoped that this may be remedied when there is a full-time After-Care Officer at the end of 1970. Still a great cause for concern is the number of blind folk, especially boys, who are sitting at home doing nothing and will probably do so for the rest of their lives. It is hoped that in the future St. Nicholas may be able to offer a solution to this pressing need.

PERSONAL:

Obituary: Staff and students were shocked to hear that Abdul Rahman bin Majid had passed away while at home after a "few days' fever" on 26th June, 1969. He was a clever boy and had just passed his School Certificate with a Grade I. Our sympathies go to his parents.

Weddings: We congratulate Violet Kok and Stephen Hong who were married on 31st May, 1969; Joanna Kamala and Salleh Udin (Richard Yeoh) who were married in September; and Sarah Yeoh and Zakariah who were married on 4th August, 1969.

Grandchildren: St. Nicholas also welcomes to its family and congratulates the mothers of five children born during the year: a first son to Normah (Etting) and Mahidi, a third son to Irene and Ahmad bin Yusoff, a second daughter to Nancy and Michael Lee, a son to Joseph and Helena Woon who already have two daughters, and a first daughter to Violet and Stephen Hong this June. There is news that several more are on the way!

Retirement: At the end of 1969 Audrey Lum, one of St. Nicholas's oldest and most faithful members, retired from her work in the Occupation Centre but continues to live at St. Nicholas, receiving full board and a small pension.

Delegate to Conference: On September 30th Ivan Ho set off by plane for Ceylon to represent the Selangor Society of the Blind and judging by what he told us at the Reunion, found it a most profitable experience.

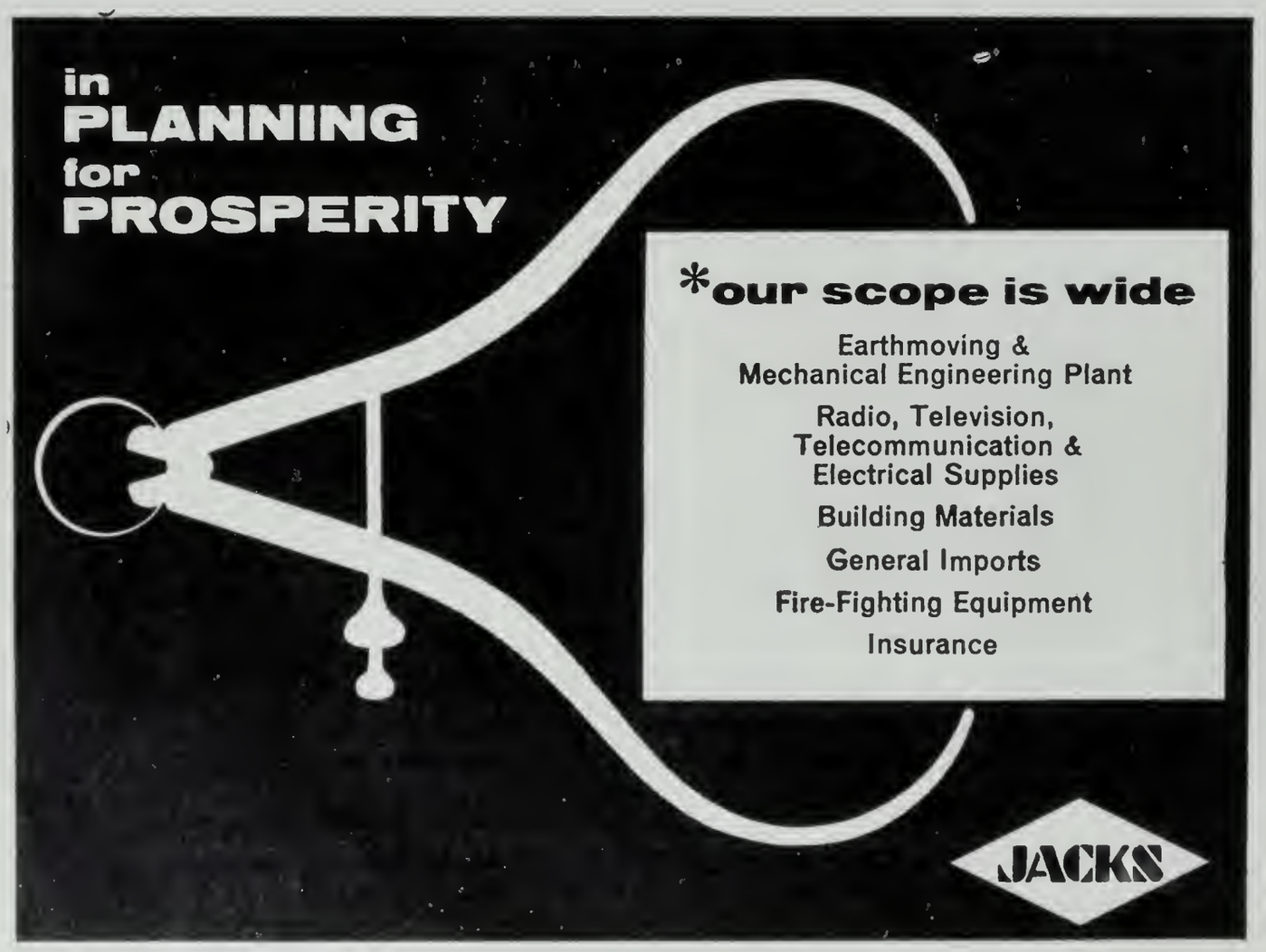
Sabah: Benjamin Ampulardon who was at St. Nicholas for 11 years, passed his Proficiency Test in Telephony and is now employed by the Sabah Port Authority, Kota Kinabalu.

Secondary School Examinations: At the end of the year Martha Ho sat for her Higher School Certificate and passed; three boys sat for the School Certificate and 2 passed with Grade I; ten boys and girls sat for their Lower Certificate of Education and at least two obtained Grade I and have gone on to Form IV. Godfrey Ooi is now in Form VI at St. John's Institution, Kuala Lumpur, and continuing to do well.

Further Studies: As is mentioned elsewhere, Martha Ho has been admitted to the University of Malaya and is studying Economics and Public Administration and Edward Cheah hopes to go to England to study Physiotherapy in the years ahead.

The work of the After-Care Officer is certainly increasing and it will not be long before there are 200 Old Nicolites in different parts of Malaysia and Singapore. We look forward therefore to the day when St. Nicholas will have a person who can devote the whole of her time to keeping in touch with individuals personally, for it was the way of our Lord to show concern for the individual and it has always been the aim of St. Nicholas to follow in His steps.

Betty Eade
After-Care Officer



Old Nicolites at the Reunion...

Last December over 60 Old Nicolites sat down to a merry Christmas lunch which preceded the Reunion during which Bible studies, organised activities and outings were held. Everyone said that they had had a good time and would return this year!

Kwee Heong, who was transferred to the Primary Integrated Programme at the beginning of last year, with the rest of her class at Batu Road School for girls, K.L.

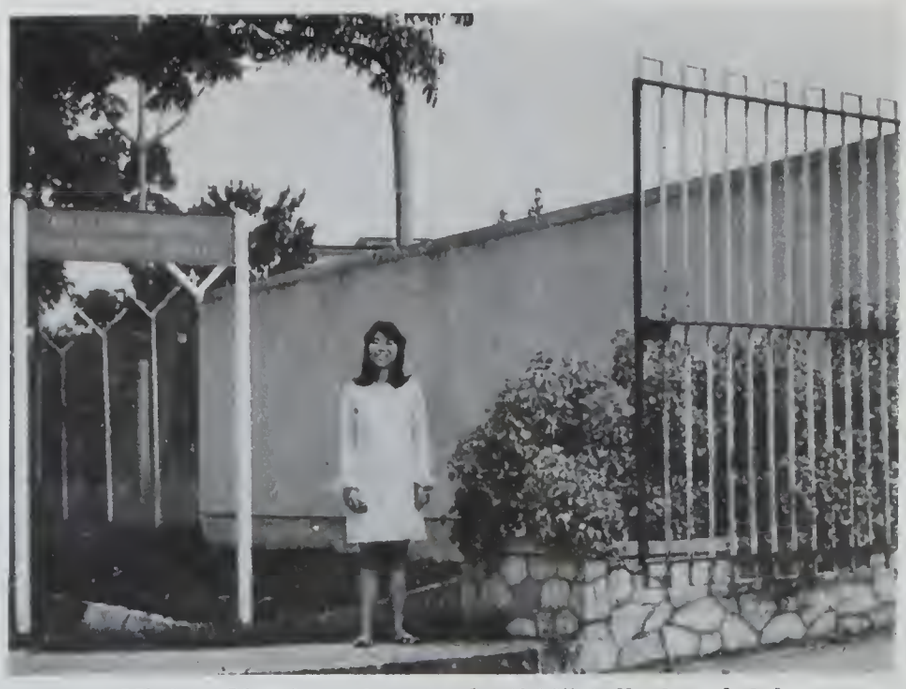
...and in Kuala Lumpur

Francis was also transferred to the boys' school in Batu Road in January 1969. He is seen answering a question during a lesson.

In May last year Stephen Hong and Violet Kok, both Old Nicolites, were married. Dorothy Wong was bridesmaid and Edward Cheah was bestman. On 6th June this year Violet gave birth to a baby girl.

Outstanding Old Nicolites

Having passed his S.C. with 6 Distinctions, Godfrey joined Form VI, St. John's Institution, K.L. He is seen receiving the English prize from Puan Sri Sa'adiah Sardon. He sits for the H.S.C. this year and is being sponsored by St. Nicholas.



Mighty Martha, who stands 4' 10" tall, dwarfed by the gate of the 3rd Residential College! She obtained her full H.S.C. last year and has been admitted to the Faculty of Arts, University of Malaya, under the sponsorship of the M.A.B. and St. Nicholas.

Studying and Working

Peter Chin, the blind graduate teacher at St. Mark's Secondary School, Butterworth, seen greeting 2 Thai teachers from the Bangkok School for the Blind, Miss Sahataya and Mrs. Tasanee, when they visited his school last March during their stay at St. Nicholas on an observation tour.

Since August last year, Jane Chwee has been employed by the Ministry of Health at the General Hospital, Penang, as a fully qualified Physiotherapist. She is seen using electro-therapy to treat one of her patients.

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HON. TREASURERS' REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS FOR 1969

1. There is an excess of Income over Expenditure for the year of $21,742/- (out of which $15,000/- has been transferred to the Endowment Fund) as against an excess in 1968 of $1,395/-.

2. The Income received by St. Nicholas in 1969 amounted to $213,558/- as against $183,000/- in 1968, an increase of $30,000/-. As will be seen from the Accounts, all items of income increased during the year and, in particular, Donations & Subscriptions. These amounted to $64,737/- as against $47,576/- in 1968. The increase in Donations & Subscriptions by this substantial sum in 1969 is particularly gratifying and demonstrates once again the goodwill and affection in which St. Nicholas is held by all communities in this country and by friends overseas.

3. Donations arose from the following sources:—

Malaysia, Singapore, & Overseas	$ 28,541/-
Christian Children's Fund, U.S.A.	17,096/-
Estate of N.R. Mistri, London	3,775/-
The Hill Murray Institute for the Blind, Glasgow (£525/-)	3,761/-
John Milton Society, U.S.A.	1,515/-
S.D.A., London	1,381/-
R.C.S.B. Sponsorships, London	3,931/-
U.S.P.G., London	4,737/-
	$ 64,737/-

4. The cost of maintaining St. Nicholas in 1969 was $192,000/- as against $182,000/- in 1968. In 1969 there were 108 children resident at St. Nicholas made up as follows:—

Occupation Centre	12
Integrated Scheme	14
School and Kindergarten	82
	108

The annual cost of maintaining each child works out at approximately $1,778/- which was about $100/- higher per child than for 1968.

5. The Occupation Centre shows a Profit for the year of $293/- in the Trading section. The Centre deserves our full support because it does give occupation to the older blind girls and useful articles are produced for sale.

6. Once again, we acknowledge with grateful thanks the support that has been given by the Ministry of Education to St. Nicholas in the form of Educational and Maintenance Grants for the Primary and Integrated Scheme totalling $122,000/-, and also grants that have been made by State Governments and the Ministry of Welfare Services. Without these grants, St. Nicholas could not continue.

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ST. NICHOLAS HOME

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1969.

1968	EXPENDITURE		
	SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN		
$101,768	Salaries & Wages	$109,583	
6,185	Provident Fund	6,091	
17,603	Food, Housekeeping & Pocket Money	18,624	
1,495	Clothing	1,557	
5,727	Books & Equipment etc. ..	6,038	
$132,778			$141,893
	INTEGRATED PROGRAMME		
$ 8,211	Salaries & Wages	$ 6,314	
454	Provident Fund	332	
4,917	Food, Housekeeping & Pocket Money	3,725	
68	Transport & Travelling ..	96	
400	Clothing	17	
1,162	Books & Miscellaneous Fees ..	1,448	
$ 15,212			11,932
	OCCUPATION CENTRE		
$ 5,953	Salaries & Wages	$ 8,117	
248	Provident Fund	348	
2,674	Food & Housekeeping	2,753	
716	Electric Current & Water ..	687	
147	Upkeep of Property	50	
121	Insurance	91	
35	Upkeep of Furniture & Fittings	10	
635	Transport & Travelling ..	2,533	
166	Sundries	350	
$ 10,695			14,939
	GENERAL		
$ 100	Gratuity	—	
269	Medical Expenses	$ 456	
6,595	Transport & Travelling ..	5,384	
6,153	Electric Current & Water ..	5,226	
711	Insurance	792	
1,796	Upkeep of Property	1,961	
325	Upkeep of Furn., Fixt. & Fittings	596	
497	Printing & Stationery	1,258	
2,774	Telephone & Postages	3,128	
527	Sundries	616	
$ 19,747			19,417
	DEPRECIATION		
$ 1,185	Motor Vehicles	$ 947	
2,745	Furniture & Fittings ..	2,689	
$ 3,930			3,636
—	**AMOUNT TRANSFERRED TO ENDOWMENT FUND**		15,000
$ 1,395	**EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE**		6,742
$183,757			$213,559

1968	INCOME		
$ 47,576	**DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS** ..		$ 64,737
	SCHOOL		
	Grant from Ministry of Education:		
$ 89,242	Salaries & Wages	$ 94,747	
14,500	Per Capita Grant for children	13,800	
$103,742			108,547
	INTEGRATED PROGRAMME		
	Grant from Ministry of Education:		
$ 6,557	Salaries & Wages	$ 6,657	
4,080	Hostel Fees & Incidentals ..	1,980	
1,984	Donations & Maintenance Fees	5,081	
$ 12,621			13,718
	OCCUPATION CENTRE		
$ 2,000	Grant from Ministry of Welfare Services		2,000
	OTHER GOVERNMENT GRANTS		
$ 1,000	State of Kedah	$ 1,000	
200	State of Perlis	300	
4,000	State of Perak	4,000	
2,500	State of Penang	3,000	
$ 7,700			8,300
$ 6,929	**MAINTENANCE FEES**		10,369
$ 2,729	**INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS & FIXED DEPOSITS**		4,003
$ 460	**RENT RECEIVED**		440
—	**SUNDRY RECEIPTS**		1,445
$183,757			$213,559

ST. NICHOLAS HOME

BALANCE SHEET — 31st DECEMBER, 1969.

1968			
	Accumulated Fund		
$559,241	At 31st December 1968 ..	$560,635	
	Add: Excess of Income over		
1,395	Expenditure for year ..	6,742	
$560,636			$567,377
42,316	**Endowment Fund** ..		58,700
2,841	**Retirement Gratuity Fund** ..		4,000
2,858	**Trust Fund for Muniandy** ..		3,019
5,571	**Development Fund** ..		5,877
12,289	**Special Funds** ..		11,555
2,701	**Sundry Creditors** ..		2,429
$629,212			$652,957

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1968		At Cost Less Depreciation at 31/12/68	Additions During Year	Depreciation For Year	
	Fixed Assets				
	Freehold Property:				
$452,424	Home	$452,424	$ —	$ —	$452,424
51,057	Occupation Centre	51,057	—	—	51,057
	Furniture, Fixtures & Fittings:				
19,454	Home	19,454	2,183	2,163	19,474
5,249	Occupation Centre	5,249	—	525	4,724
4,737	Motor Vehicles	4,737	—	947	3,790
$532,921		$532,921	$ 2,183	$ 3,635	$531,469

1968			
	Investments (Endowment Fund)		
$ 39,529	Govt. & Municipal Securities and Shares in Companies quoted (Market Value — $64,292/-)	$ 39,529	
2,787	Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (Malaysia) Trustee Ltd., Singapore	2,787	
$ 42,316			42,316
	Current Assets		
$ 2,307	Deposits & Payments In Advance	$ 2,588	
3,223	Sundry Debtors	1,425	
$ 5,530			4,013
	Cash in Hand and at Bank		
$ 3,193	Post Office Savings Bank	$ 1,000	
22,001	Current Account	19,280	
22,820	Fixed Deposits	54,018	
431	Cash in Hand	861	
$ 48,445			75,159
$629,212			$652,957

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF ST. NICHOLAS

We have examined the above Balance Sheet with the books and records of St. Nicholas. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of St. Nicholas at 31st December 1969, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of account.

TURQUAND, YOUNGS & CO.
Chartered Accountants,
Certified Public Accountants (Malaysia),
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Penang, 26th June, 1970.

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(as at 31st May, 1970)

Further generous donations have been received over the last year and it is most encouraging to be able to report that the target of $200,000/- has been reached.

After deducting expenses and cost of work carried out to date totalling $155,177.43, the Appeal Fund stands at $109,812.96. Phase II of the project was started recently and Phase III is expected to be completed within a year.

We would like to make special mention of sums received during the year as follows:—

British Petroleum (M) Sdn. Bhd.— for equipment for Home Science Room	.. ..	$ 3,350.00
Dr. Saw Eng Chiat and Mr. Saw Eng Chong — for Science Laboratory to be named after their father, Mr. Saw Yong Oh, J.P.	.. ..	10,000.00
Christian Aid — British Council of Churches, U.K. (£3,000.-)	.. ..	21,655.03
Mr. F. Densham	.. ..	1,000.00
Officers' Mess, R.A.A.F., Butterworth	.. ..	1,000.00
Boutcher & Co.	.. ..	1,000.00
Syn Tai Hung Ltd.)	for Typing Room	(1,000.00
Wah Seong (M) Tdg. Co. Sdn. Bhd.)	in memory of the	(1,000.00
Malayan Sugar Mfg. Co. Sdn. Bhd.)	late Mr. Goh	(1,000.00
Malaysia Trade & Transport Co. Sdn. Bhd.)	Theam Tiok.	(1,000.00
Kuok Bros. (S) Co. Ltd.)		(1,000.00
Mr. William Ng		1,428.00
Raffle sponsored by some Interact Clubs of Penang	..	8,179.00

STATEMENT OF APPEAL FUND

(as at 31st May, 1970)

Balance as at 31-5-1969 b/d		.. ..	$147,105.16
Donations received from 1-6-69 to 31-5-70		.. ..	46,761.60
(Donations at 31-5-1969 $114,188.76)			
Grant from Federal Government		.. ..	54,524.00
Raffle Account (Net proceeds)		.. ..	8,179.00
Interest earned on Fixed Deposits		.. ..	8,420.63
			$264,990.39
Less Expenditure:-			
Contractor	..	$125,823.20	
Architect's fees	..	11,669.09	
Sundries (including cost of new furniture & equipment)	..	17,685.14	155,177.43
			$109,812.96

Cash at The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Penang, as at 31st May, 1970:—

Current Account	..	$ 535.96
Current Account (Raffle)	..	277.00
Fixed Deposit Account	..	109,000.00
	..	$109,812.96

A. H. DISDEL,
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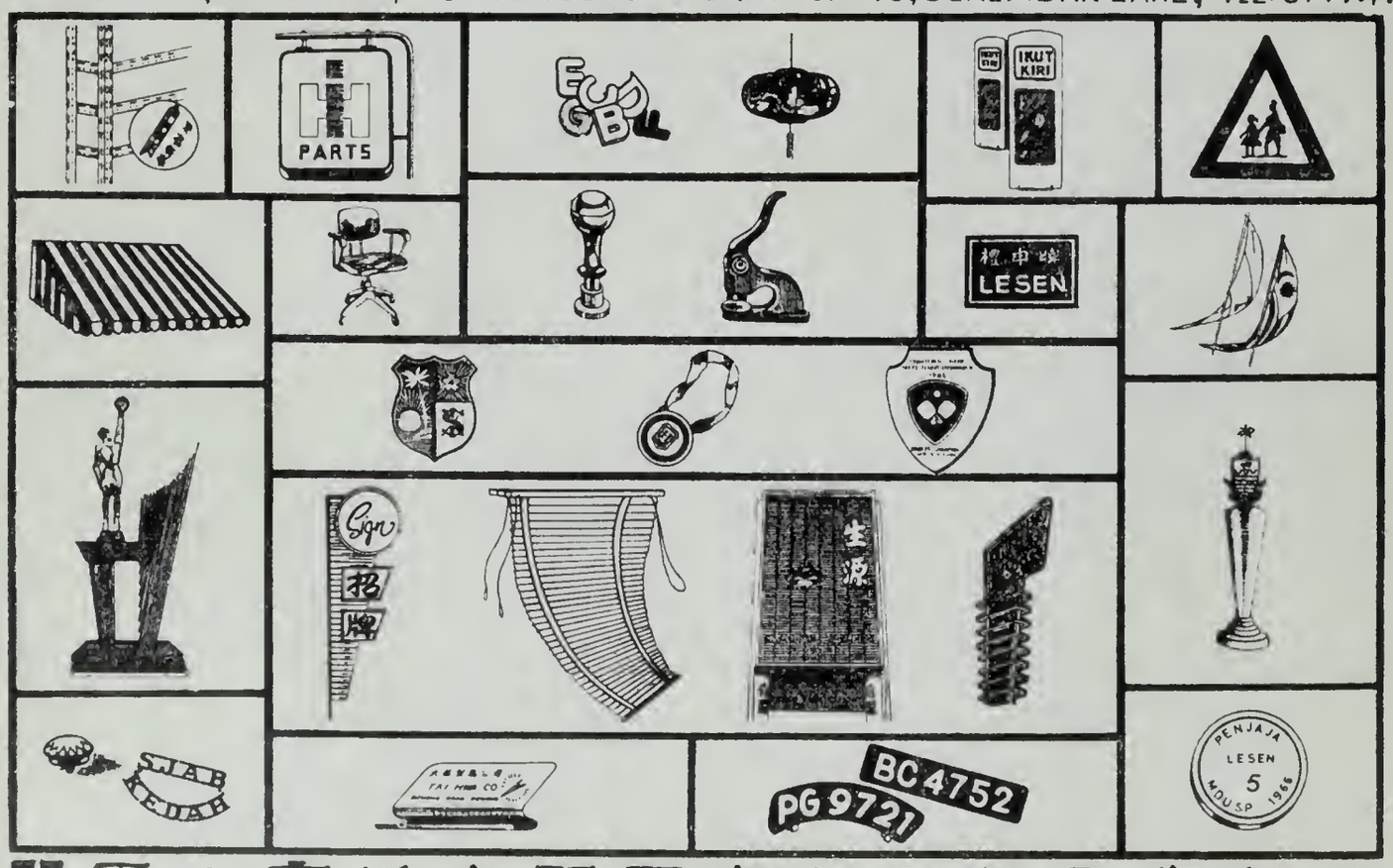

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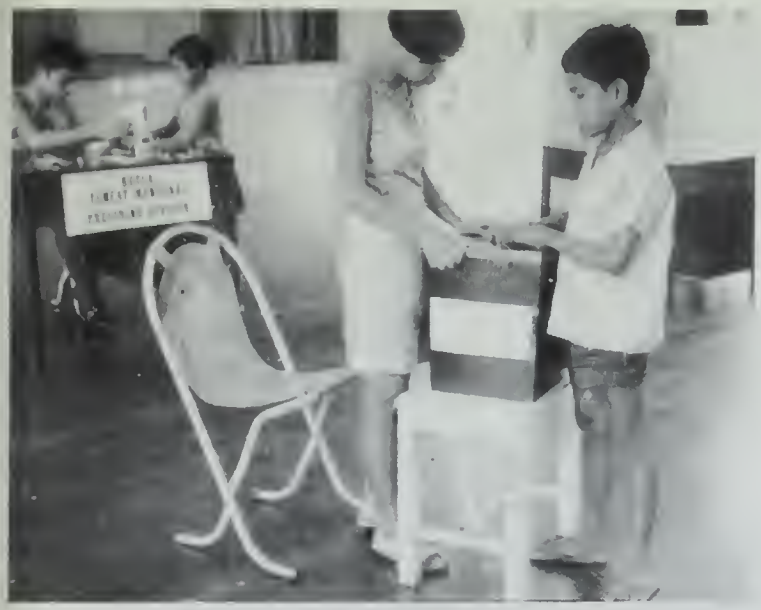
Mock Elections



In the wake of the nation's General Elections, a Mock Election was held. Picture shows Zakaria casting his vote under the supervision of the Polling Clerk, Azizah. In the background, a young voter, Che Yah, seeks clarification from the Presiding Officer, Kow Chye.

Three parties, the Progressive Revolutionaries, the Young Nicolites Movement and the Socialist Democrats contested the Elections with great enthusiasm and fervour. The campaign was carried out under proper democratic procedure and some of the speeches were most enlightening! The Young Nicolites Movement was returned to power.

Santa Comes To Town

At The Straits Echo Cheer Fund Christmas Party given to Handicapped children in the grounds of the Residency, Moses, assisted by Catherine and David, had the privilege of collecting the presents from Santa Claus.

Absolutely thrilled with herself and with no inhibitions, Somiin, who comes from Sabah, does a dance! In the background are Rosiah, Muniandy, Mustaffa and Teck Hing.

Miscellaneous Happenings

Handing over the delicious, huge cake above on behalf of Thai Airways International Ltd. is Mr. M. Gunnarson. It was to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the airline on 5.5.70. Receiving it are Jamaliah, the School Captain, Mrs. Lim Khye Su, the Acting Chairman, and David, the Vice Captain. The children have never had so much cake to eat before!

On 13.7.69 the whole school was given a musical treat at the Waterfall Gardens. On hand to entertain them and the public was an excellent visiting R.A.A.F. Band. Picture shows Gunabalan having a go at the Saxophone.

The Fete & The Moon Stone

At St. George's Church Garden Fete Juriah tries her aim at one of the Games Stalls.

When the Moon Rock was on display in Penang last February, our partially sighted children joined the thousands who eagerly thronged to see it.

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FORM OF BEQUEST No. 1

For a Specific Legacy

I give to ST. NICHOLAS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND, 4 Bagan Jermal Road, Penang, Malaysia, the sum of Dollars .....

.....

(free of all estate duty) for the general purposes of St. Nicholas, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of St. Nicholas shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

(Please tear here)

FORM OF BEQUEST No. 2

For the Residue of an Estate

I give the rest residue and remainder of my estate and effects whatsoever both movable and immovable and whether in possession reversion remainder or expectancy to ST. NICHOLAS RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL AND HOME FOR THE BLIND, 4 Bagan Jermal Road, Penang, Malaysia, for the general purposes of St. Nicholas, and I declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer for the time being of St. Nicholas shall be a good discharge to my Executors.

Note :— Property of all kinds, including land of any tenure and also including money lent on mortgage and the securities therefor, may lawfully be given to charitable institutions by WILL. The above forms can be readily adapted to such gifts by the substitution of a description of the land, mortgage, etc., for the words "the sum of Dollars....."

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THIS IS A CODICIL to the last Will of me .....

..... dated .....

(Name in full) (Date of Will)

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In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand this ..... day
(words)

of ..... 197 .
(month)

Signed by the Testator/Testatrix as and for a Codicil to his/her last Will dated .....
(Insert date of Will)

in the PRESENCE OF US, BOTH PRESENT AT THE SAME TIME, who at his/her request, and IN HIS/HER PRESENCE AND IN THE PRESENCE OF EACH OTHER, have hereunto set our names as witnesses.

..... (Signature of Testator/Testatrix)

(1) ..... of .....
(Signature of Witness) (Address)

..... (Profession) .....

(2) ..... of .....
(Signature of Witness) (Address)

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The children love their pets and here we see Kar and Anuar feeding their rabbit and keeping a close watch on it.

To help them develop a sense of balance, and for enjoyment, the children are taught to skate. Picture shows James, Daniel and Timothy racing round.

In preparation for the Sports Meet this year, the children in Class III practise the Caterpillar Race. Supervising them are Miss S. H. Lim, a House Assistant, and Miss C. Cheong, the Sports Secretary.

One Horse Power

Petrus Galitang of Sabah easily found a willing horse in Moses to power the motorless Go-kart which Miss Cheong had been able to borrow for the children's inspection and to their great joy.

Homeward Bound

Like an advancing army, the children march down the ramp from the ferry to the Railway Station at Butterworth on the first stage of their journey home.

The "big walk" over, children and escorts board the 3rd Class carriage of the south-bound train.

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Our many Voluntary Workers — some who have helped regularly by taking children out, by teaching swimming, typing, handwork, physical education, music, etc.; by working in the library, by helping with afternoon activities such as Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Gardening, Games, Weight Lifting, Pets' Club, etc., and by giving clerical aid; and others who have helped on special occasions such as Sports Day, the Annual Concert and Speech Day.

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